



DARK NIGHTS

DEATH METAL

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★ JUSTICE LEAGUE™



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A LEAGUE DEFEATED?

THEIR PAST. THEIR PRESENT. HER FUTURE.



BATMAN CATWOMAN

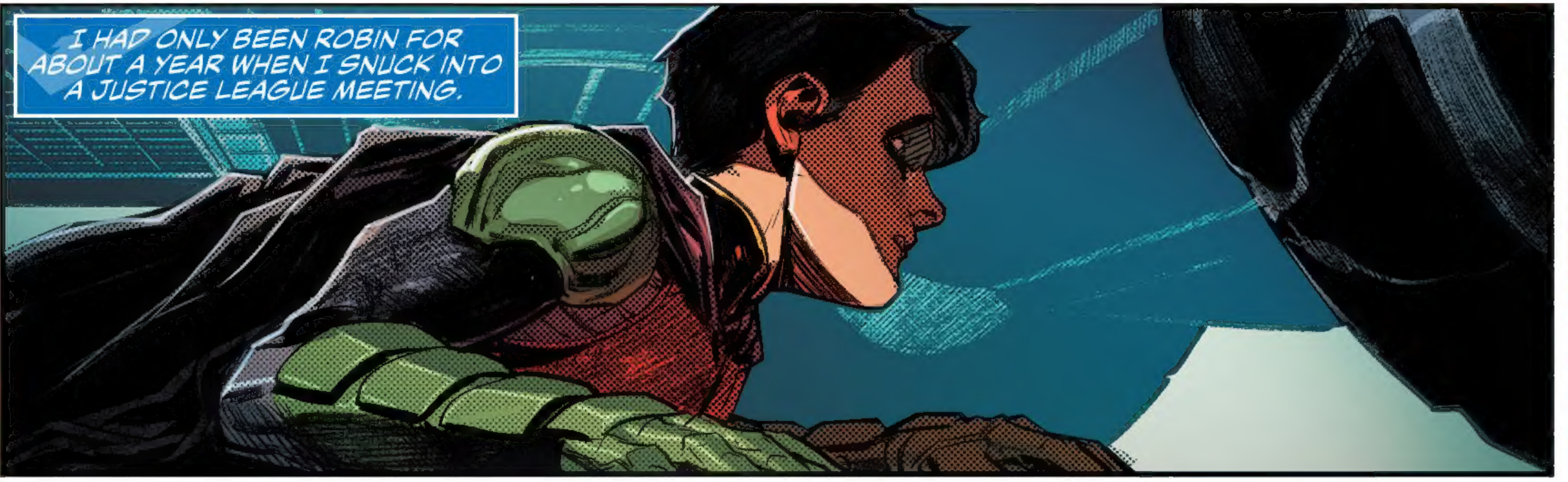
12 Issues
DECEMBER

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DC
BLACK
LABEL
Ages 17+

I HAD ONLY BEEN ROBIN FOR ABOUT A YEAR WHEN I SNUCK INTO A JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING.



IT WAS CLEAR EVEN THEN THAT THEY DIDN'T JUST SAVE THE WORLD.



THEY SET THE STANDARD FOR HEROES.

WHEN I SAW THEM, I BELIEVED THEY COULD DO ANYTHING.



AND I WANTED TO BE PART OF THAT.





BUT THEN THEY LOST.

THERE WERE A LOT OF HEROES TRAPPED IN THE PRISON ON NEW APOKOLIPS, BUT I'VE BEEN AROUND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE LONGER THAN ALMOST EVERYONE THERE.

AND I COULD SEE WHAT THE REST COULDN'T.

THEY WERE WINGING IT. PAST THE SPEECHES AND BRAVADO AND SMILES, THEY WERE JUST AS FREAKED OUT AS I WAS.



I WASN'T READY TO CONFRONT THAT. SO I LEFT.



HAWKGIRL! HEARD YOU GOT A MISSION FROM WONDER WOMAN.

YEAH, WE NEED TO FREE THE LEGION OF DOOM FROM PERPETUA'S THRONE.

I'M IN.

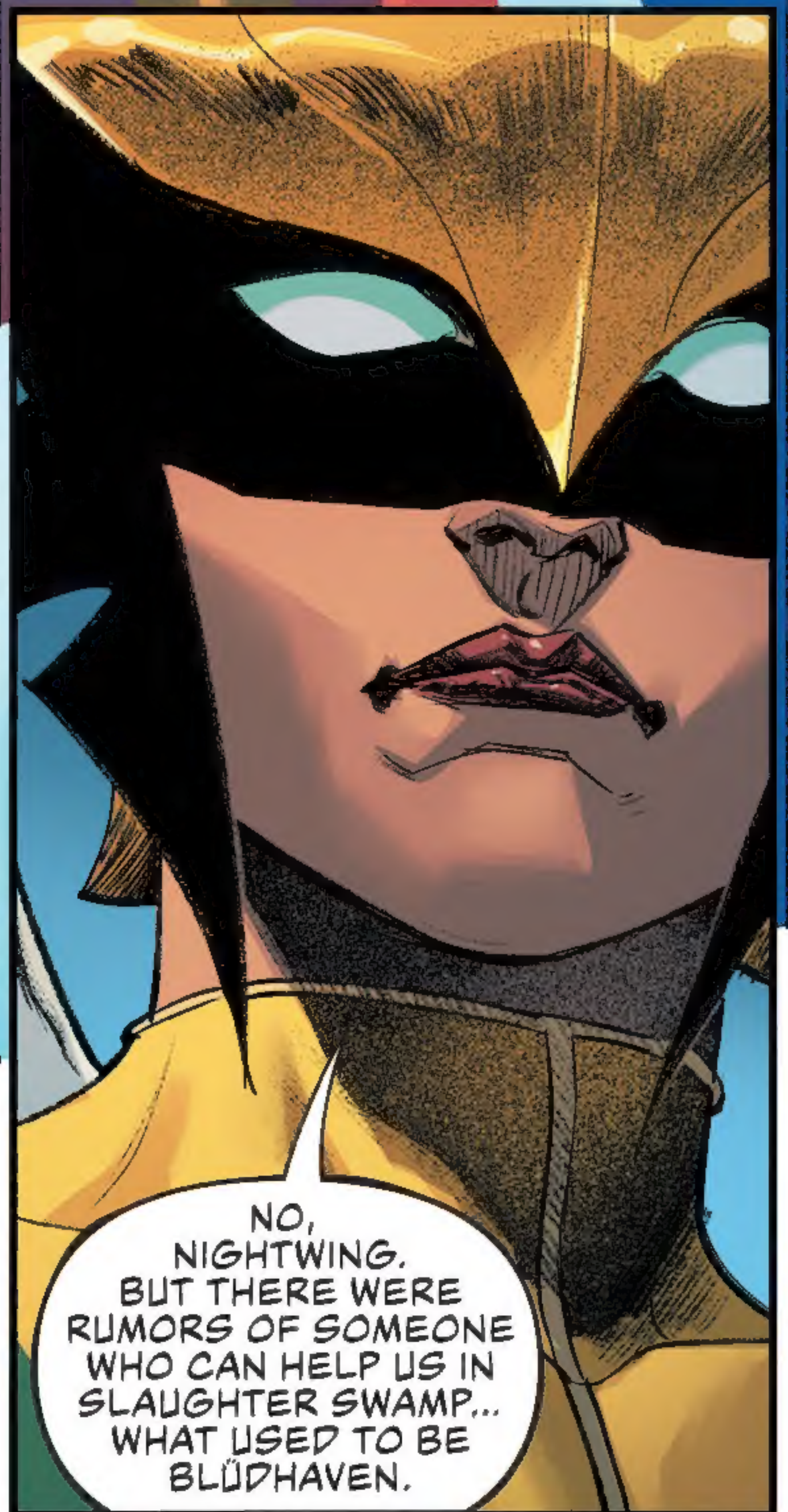


YOU TELL BATMAN?

NO, HE HAS HIS HANDS FULL. BLACK POWER RINGS ARE A LOT TO HANDLE.



YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE THE THRONE IS?



NO, NIGHTWING. BUT THERE WERE RUMORS OF SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP US IN SLAUGHTER SWAMP... WHAT USED TO BE BLUDHAVEN.



SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BLUDHAVEN WOULD FIND A WAY TO SURVIVE THE END OF THE WORLD.

BUT HERE'S A BIGGER QUESTION...

"...WHAT DO WE DO WITH
THE LEGION OF DOOM
ONCE WE FREE THEM?"

DIE!

WHICH OF
THE BAT'S
SIDEKICKS
IS THIS?

HE
HAS MORE
THAN **HAL**
JORDAN.

YOUR CATLIKE
REFLEXES ARE
IMPRESSIVE, BOY
WONDER!



FINALE
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BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.



ENOUGH.



NIGHTWING,
ARE YOU
HURT?

NO, BUT
DETECTIVE
CHIMP...

...I
DON'T THINK
HE MADE IT,
STARFIRE.



ALL THREE
OF YOU NEED
TO STAND DOWN
AND LISTEN UP IF
YOU WANT TO STAY
ALIVE IN THIS
NIGHTMARE.

WE DON'T
TAKE ORDERS
FROM YOU,
CYBORG!

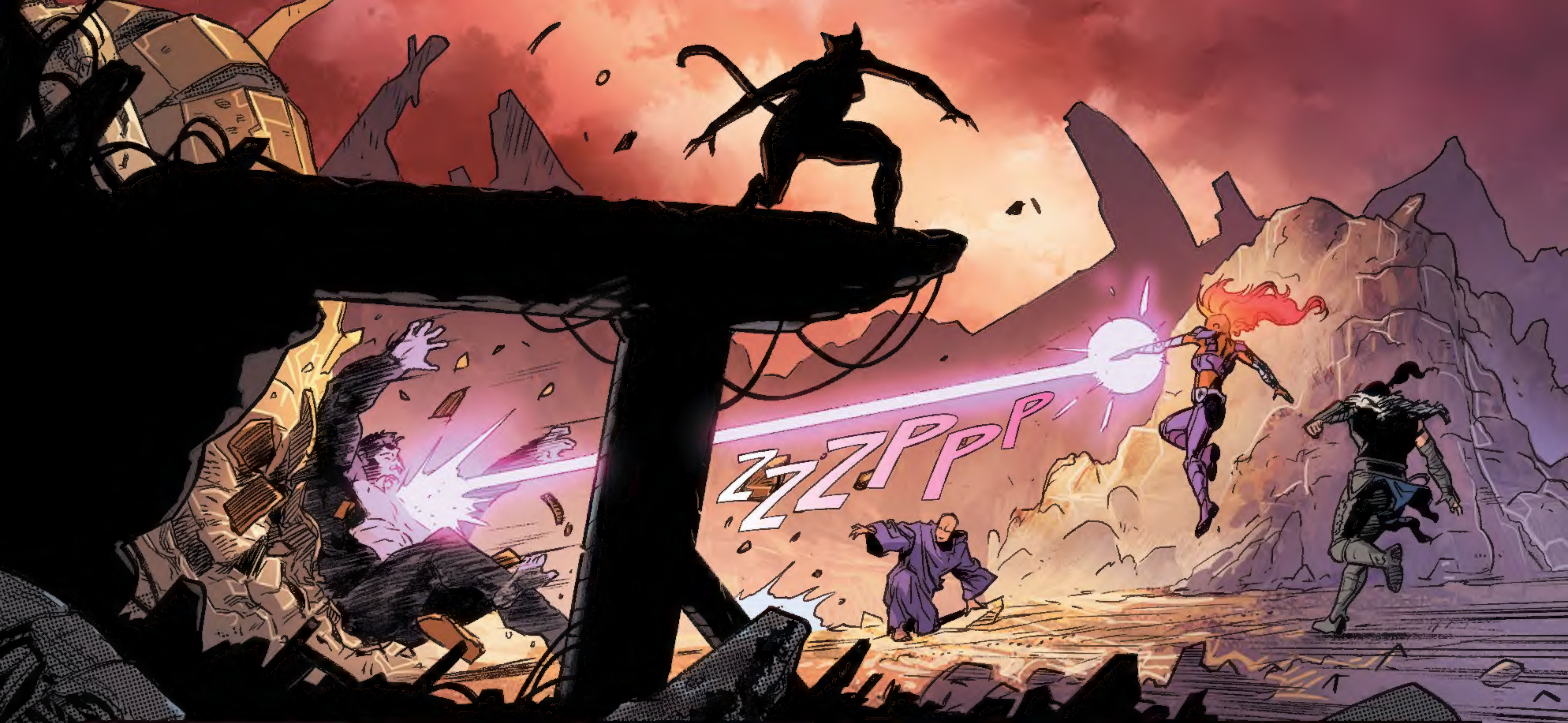
WHAT THE
HELL HAPPENED
HERE?! ONE MINUTE
WE'RE WITH LEX LUTHOR
AND THE NEXT WE'RE
STRAPPED TO SOME
THRONE.

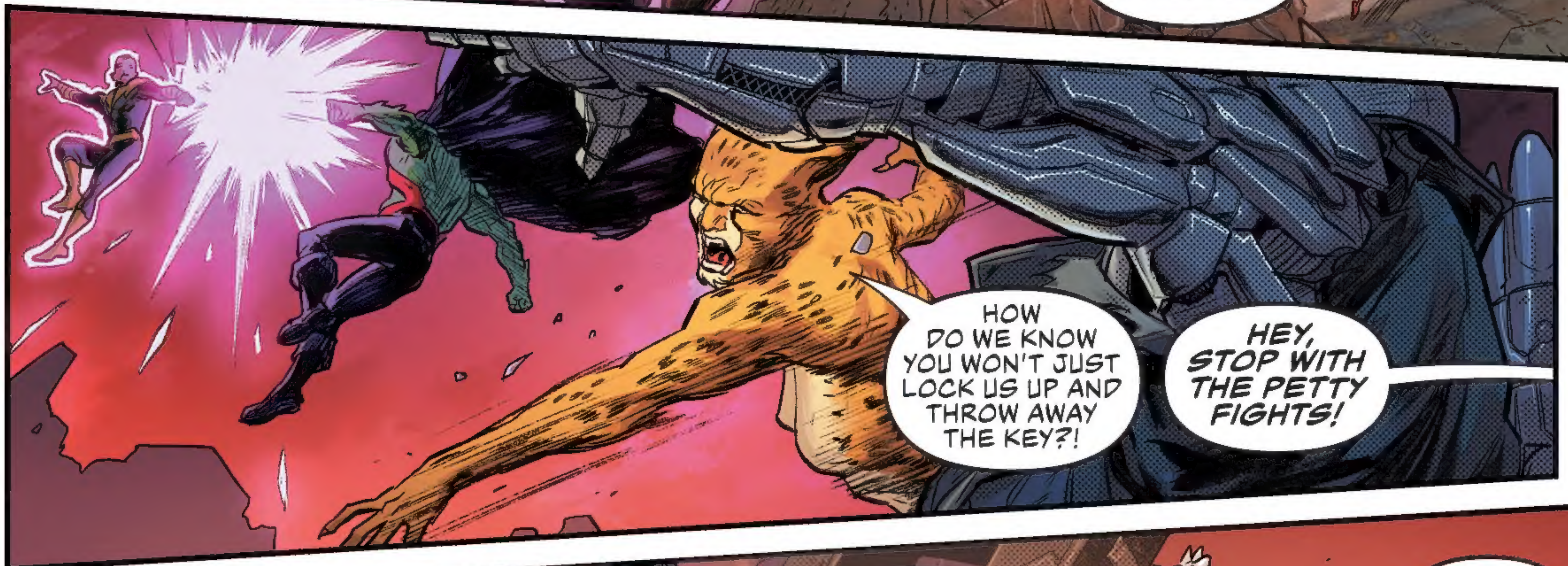
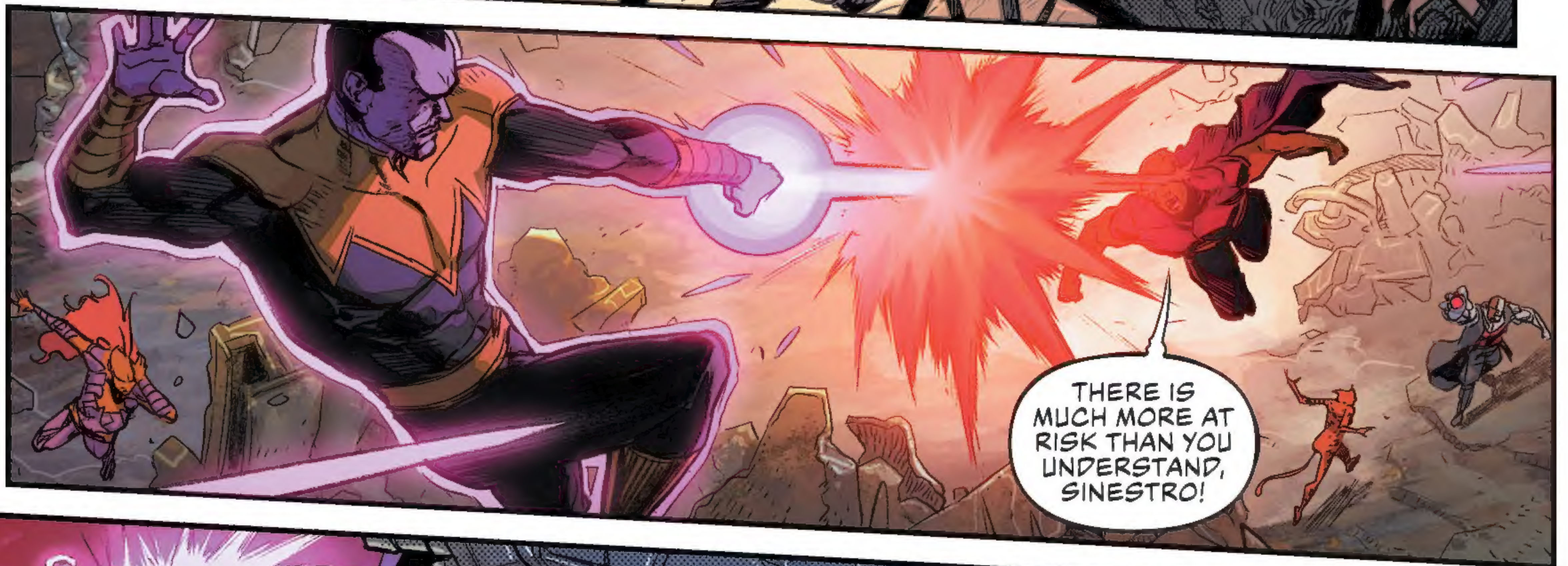


MY
READINGS OF
THE WORLD ARE
VERY UNUSUAL,
CHEETAH.

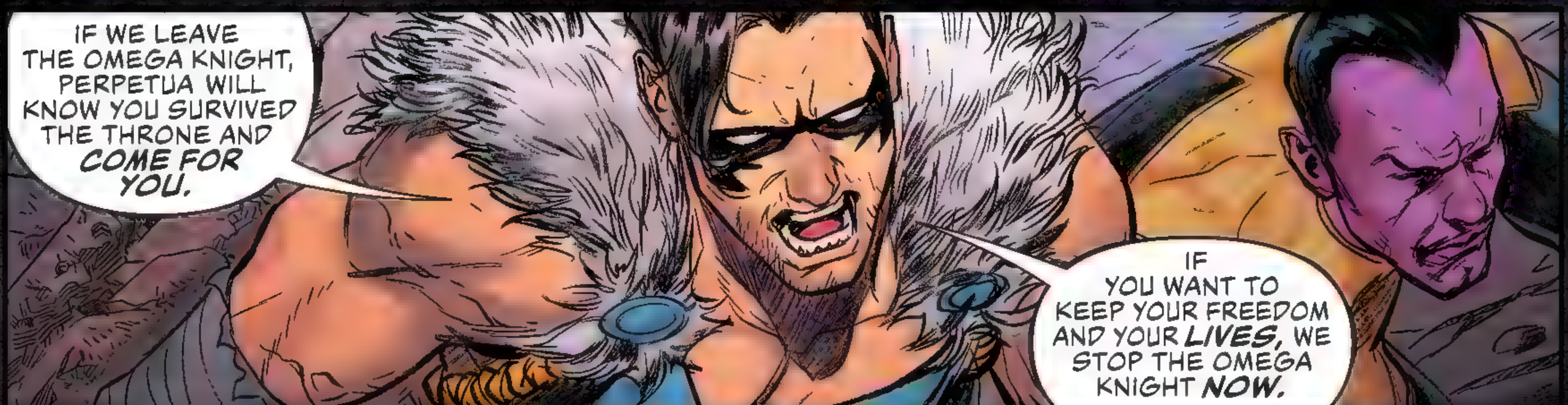
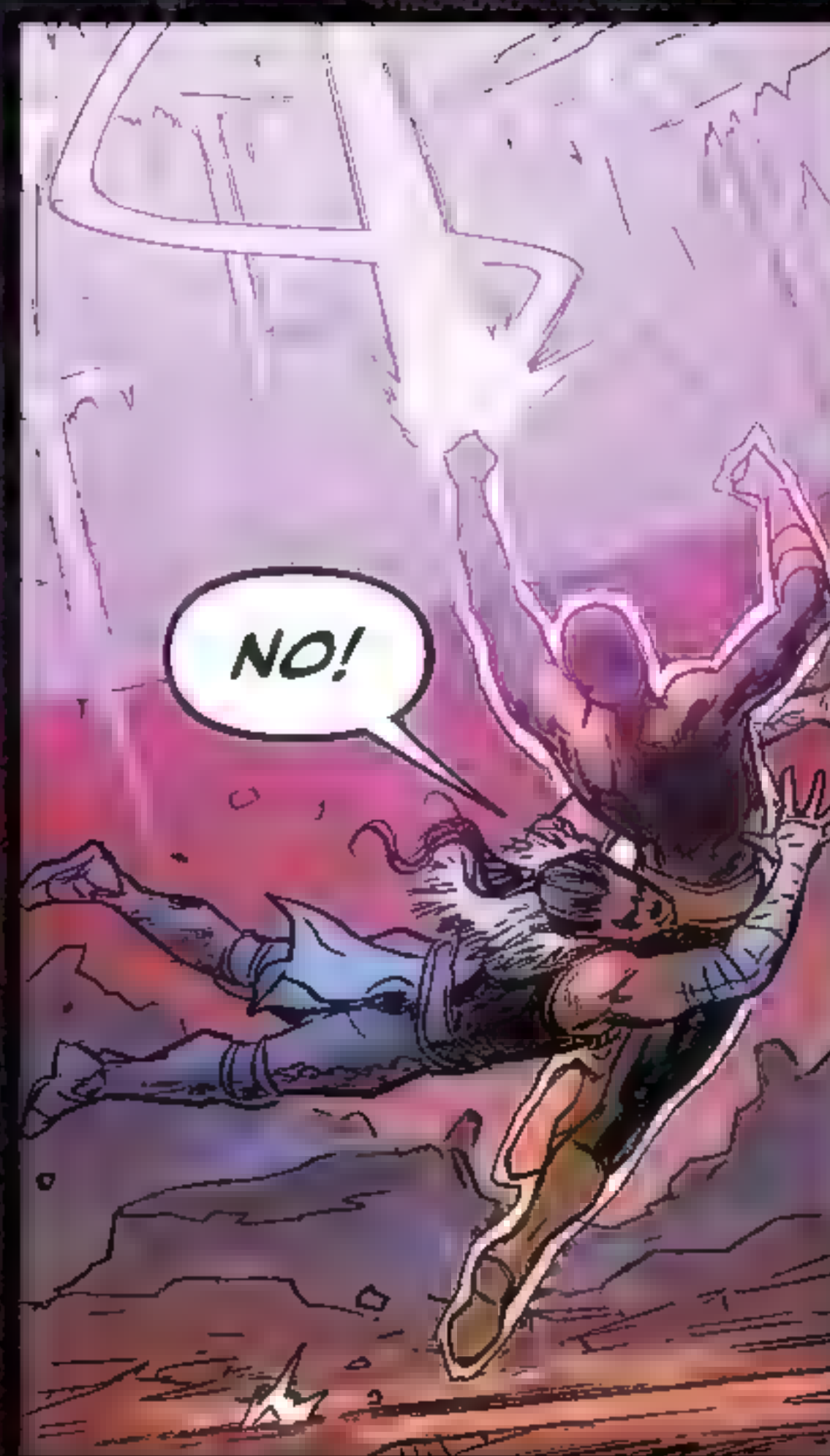
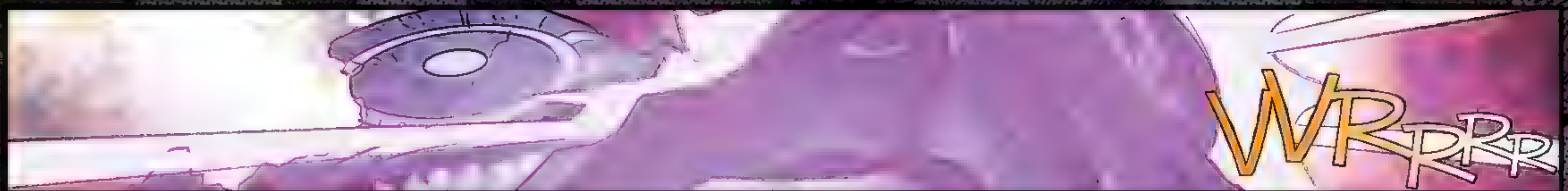
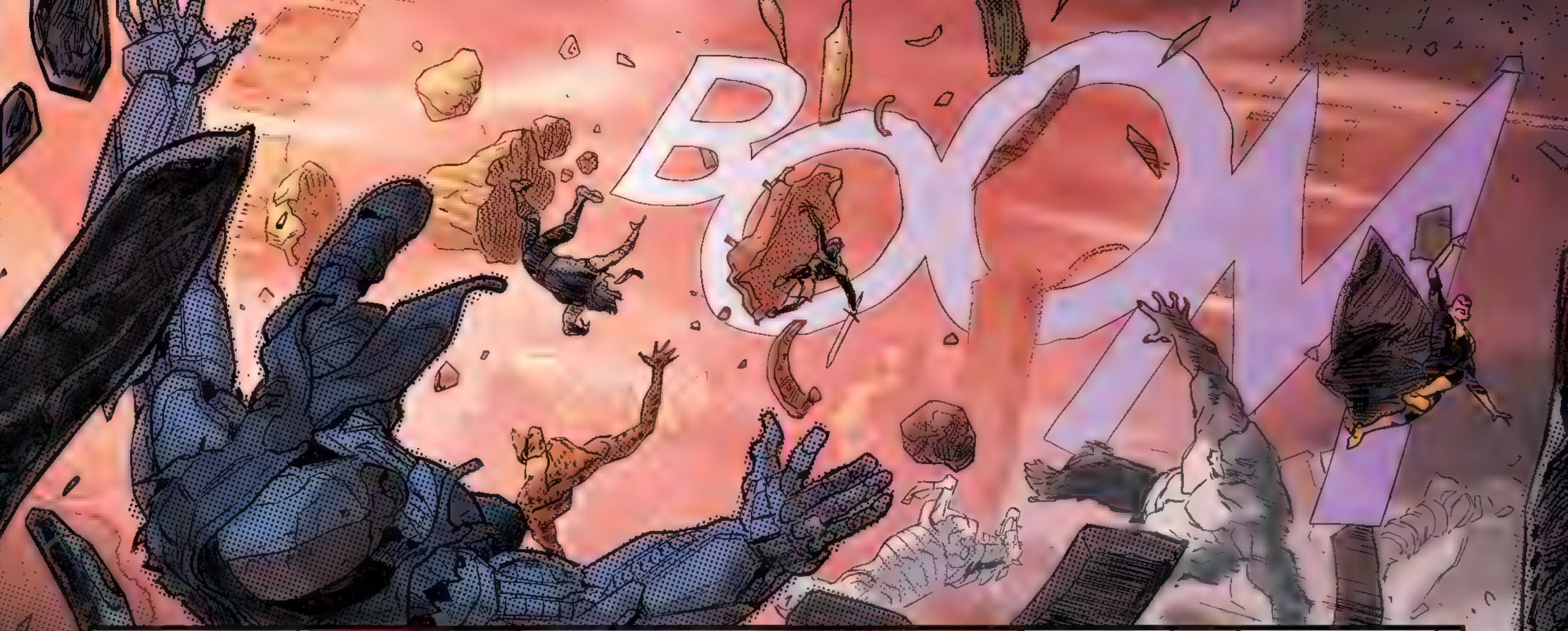
WE LOST,
SINESTRO.













FOLLOW MY LEAD!

MARTIAN MANHUNTER, CONNECT US AND THE LEGION OF DOOM!

VERY WELL.

...HAWKGIRL, CYBORG, AND STARFIRE, I NEED YOU TO PROVIDE COVERING FIRE AGAINST THE OMEGA KNIGHT. LAST TIME YOU DISTRACTED IT. THIS TIME...

...I WANT YOU TO MAKE IT MAD!

DONE!

LEX, WHILE IT'S FOCUSED ON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, GET YOUR TEAM CLOSE TO THE THRONE.

WHEN THE THRONE BLEW UP, IT NEARLY TOOK THE OMEGA KNIGHT OUT. WE CAN DO THAT AGAIN.

IF PERPETUA HARNESSED THE POWER INSIDE SINESTRO, CHEETAH, AND GRODD, SO CAN WE.

CAN YOU DO THAT USING WHAT'S LEFT OF THE THRONE?

LEX?

IT'S DONE.

THIS WILL BURN OUT THE REST OF THE FORCES, INCLUDING YOUR ULTRAVIOLET SPECTRUM, SINESTRO...

I PREFER THE COLOR OF FEAR ANYWAY.

THEN AIM YOUR RING AT THE OMEGA KNIGHT.

FIRE.

OKAY, HERE'S THE PLAN...

WHY?

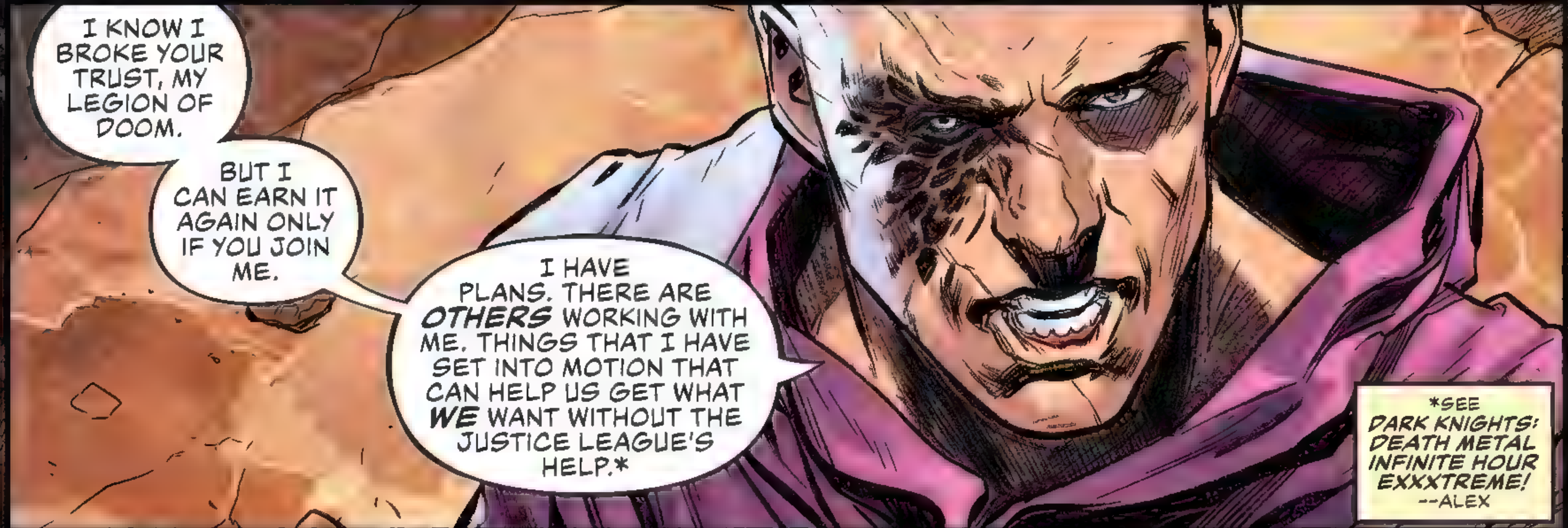




ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?

WE
GET BACK TO
WHAT WE WERE
DOING BEFORE
THAT GIANT
ATTACKED.

WE KILL
LEX.



I KNOW I
BROKE YOUR
TRUST, MY
LEGION OF
DOOM.

BUT I
CAN EARN IT
AGAIN ONLY
IF YOU JOIN
ME.

I HAVE
PLANS. THERE ARE
OTHERS WORKING WITH
ME. THINGS THAT I HAVE
SET INTO MOTION THAT
CAN HELP US GET WHAT
WE WANT WITHOUT THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE'S
HELP.*

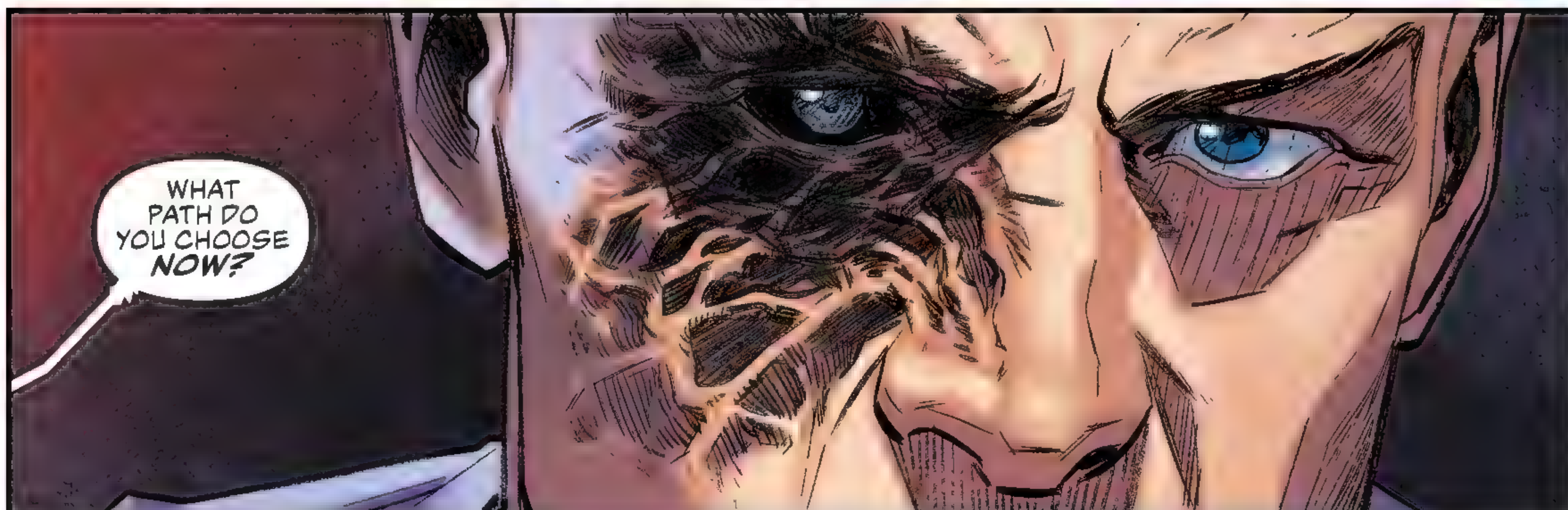
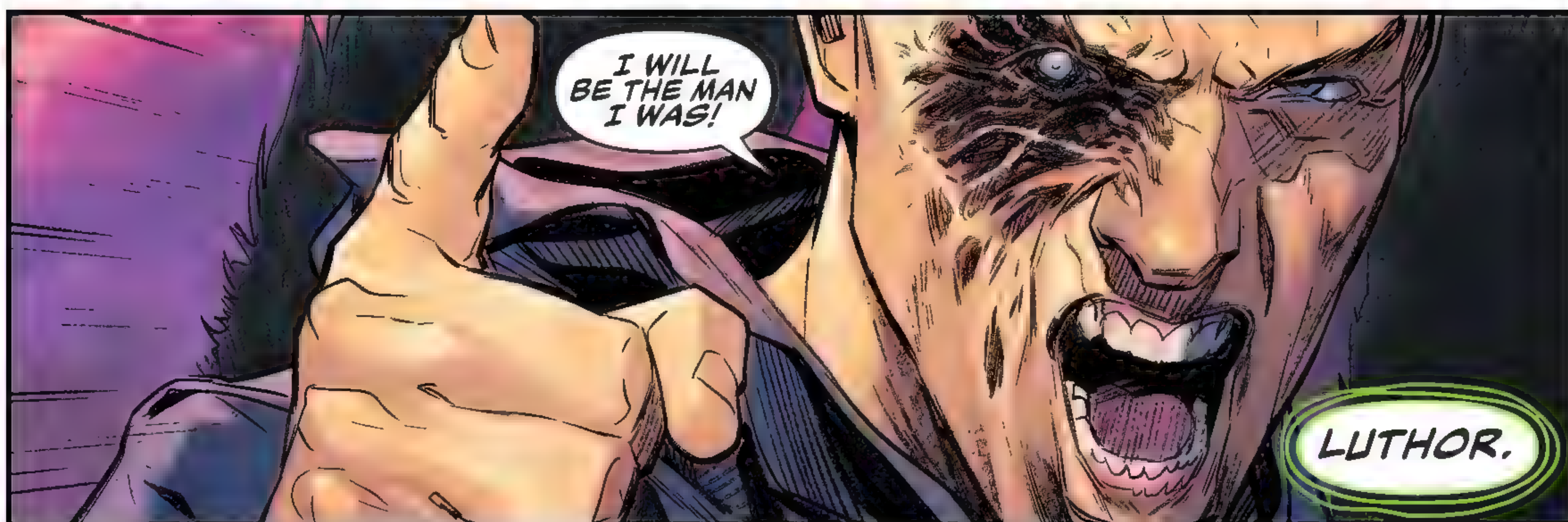
*SEE
DARK KNIGHTS:
DEATH METAL
INFINITE HOUR
EXXXTREME!
--ALEX



LEX, STOP.
YOUR PRIDE
IS BLINDING
YOU.

I GET IT,
YOU LOST.
SO DID
I.

BUT WE ALL
NEED TO LEARN TO
MOVE ON FROM WHO
WE WERE IN THE
PAST AND--





PLEASE
TELL ME LEX
COULDN'T JUST
USE A BOOM
TUBE THAT
WHOLE
TIME.

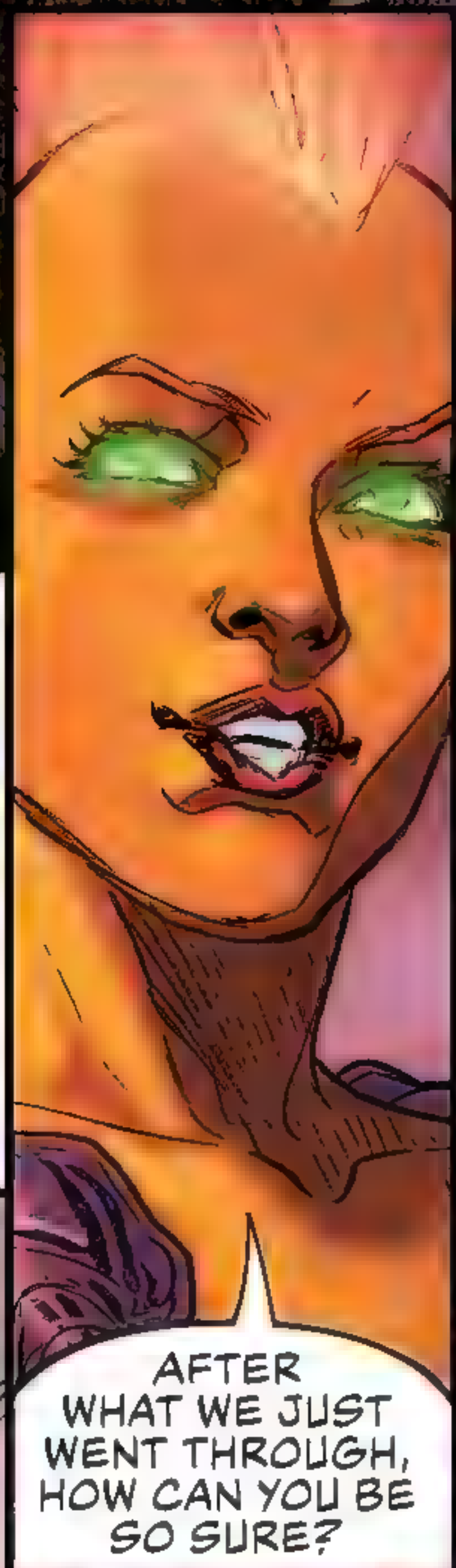
DOESN'T
MATTER. WE NEED
TO RETURN TO NEW
APOKOLIPS AND HOPE
THAT BATMAN, WONDER
WOMAN, AND SUPERMAN
FINISHED THEIR PARTS
OF THE PLAN AS
WELL.

I'VE BEEN
UNABLE TO REACH
THEM ON THE TELEPATHIC
CONNECTION, BUT I DID
REACH OUT TO THE GREEN
LANTERNS. THEY ARE
RETURNING FROM THE
MULTIVERSE AND WANT
US TO MEET THEM ON
THEMYSCIRA.



HOW THE
HELL ARE WE
GONNA GET
TO THEM?

WE'LL
FIND A
WAY.



AFTER
WHAT WE JUST
WENT THROUGH,
HOW CAN YOU BE
SO SURE?



BECAUSE
WE'RE THE

**JUSTICE
LEAGUE!**

THAT FIRST
TIME I SAW
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE I WAS
JUST A KID

AND SO I SAW
THEM THROUGH MY
YOUNG EYES. THEY
WERE LARGER THAN
LIFE. PERFECT.
BEING A PART OF
THAT MEANT THE
WORLD TO ME



BUT OVER
THE YEARS I SAW
THEIR STRUGGLES
AND THIS NEW
WORLD SHOWED ME
THEIR GREATEST
FAILURE



AT FIRST IT
SCARED ME



BUT NOW IT'S REMINDED
ME OF WHAT THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE REALLY IS



THEY'RE
A GROUP OF PEOPLE
THAT NO MATTER THE
CHALLENGE, INSPIRE
EACH OTHER TO
DO BETTER



TO BE
HEROES

TO BE CONTINUED IN DEATH METAL #5.

DC NATION SPECIAL EDITION

JUSTICE LEAGUE **ENDLESS WINTER**



GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE 9-ISSUE EPIC EVENT!

DECEMBER 2020



There's a chill wind blowing across the DC Universe in the crossover event *Endless Winter*, coming in December! An ancient evil has emerged from the Arctic wilderness—and only the combined might of the Justice League, the Teen Titans, and other unexpected superbeings—Black Adam? What's he doing here?—can put a stop to it and save the world from becoming a permafrost nightmare.

Co-written by Andy Lanning and Ron Marz and illustrated by an array of top artists, *Endless Winter* runs for a total of nine chapters, bookended by *Justice League: Endless Winter* #1 and #2.

Designs by
Mikel Janin



JUSTICE LEAGUE... VIKING?

It all starts when an ancient and malevolent being known as the Frost King bursts out of the snowbound former site of the Fortress of Solitude. Bent on revenge and mad with power, the Frost King's thirst for vengeance can be traced back to a bygone era when he was defeated by a proto-Justice League made up of Queen Hippolyta, Swamp Thing, the Viking Prince, and Black Adam!

"We felt like heroes would band together in every era, and we wanted to show off what we eventually came to call the Justice League Viking," says Ron Marz. "We had to sort out which characters would logically be around in the 10th century, and then figure out how those relationships work. The short version is...not everybody gets along."

Andy Lanning adds, "Having the JLV in the past to contrast with the League in the present was a great way to show how the heroes of today operate with a different ethos than the warriors of the past. Needless to say, the ancient way of the warrior is more confrontational, and all of their larger-than-life personalities send sparks flying."

PAST SECRETS EQUAL PRESENT DOOM

What happened in the distant past leads directly to battle in today's DC Universe as the Justice League struggles to stop the Frost King, his army of ice monsters, and the coming of an apocalyptic winter storm that threatens to wipe out life on Earth. And while all this is happening, Black Adam and what remains of the JLV team must face the consequences of decisions they made in the past—including some that none of them want revealed.

As Lanning explains, "At the root of the secret are actions taken centuries ago, actions some of the characters regret, which created ramifications in the present that they must revisit again." But those secrets will have to remain under wraps for now.



Design by
Mike Perkins



BLACK ADAM vs. FROST KING

At the center of the JLV's internal conflicts is Black Adam. As leader of the modern nation of Kahndaq, he has vowed to protect his people from the Frost King, no matter who gets in his way.

"Black Adam is a man on a mission, and he will not let anyone or anything stand in his way," says Lanning. "He has his own unique, single-minded approach to achieving results."

"He's not really a hero, but he's not really a villain. He has his own agenda and he is genuinely driven to protect his nation," adds Marz. "He's very much the hero of his own story, and that makes for a fascinating character."

HEROES UNITE

Along with the Justice League and what remains of the JLV, Endless Winter also features appearances by the present-day Teen Titans, members of the original New Teen Titans, and Aquaman's own army of fire trolls, direct from the Earth's core.

"The spine of the story is the Justice League, of course, so we keep coming back to them," Marz explains. "There are some interactions as the story unfolds that I really enjoy, including an encounter between the Flash and Black Adam, Superman going to visit his parents, Aquaman and Mera side by side, and even the Teen Titans discovering a new hero."

"Getting to play with such a great cast of cool superheroes is like catnip: from the Justice League to the Teen Titans, Aquaman to

Black Adam, and—probably my personal favorite—the Justice League Dark," says Lanning. "The story isn't all fantasy and fistfights, though. It also reflects present-day concerns about our environment."

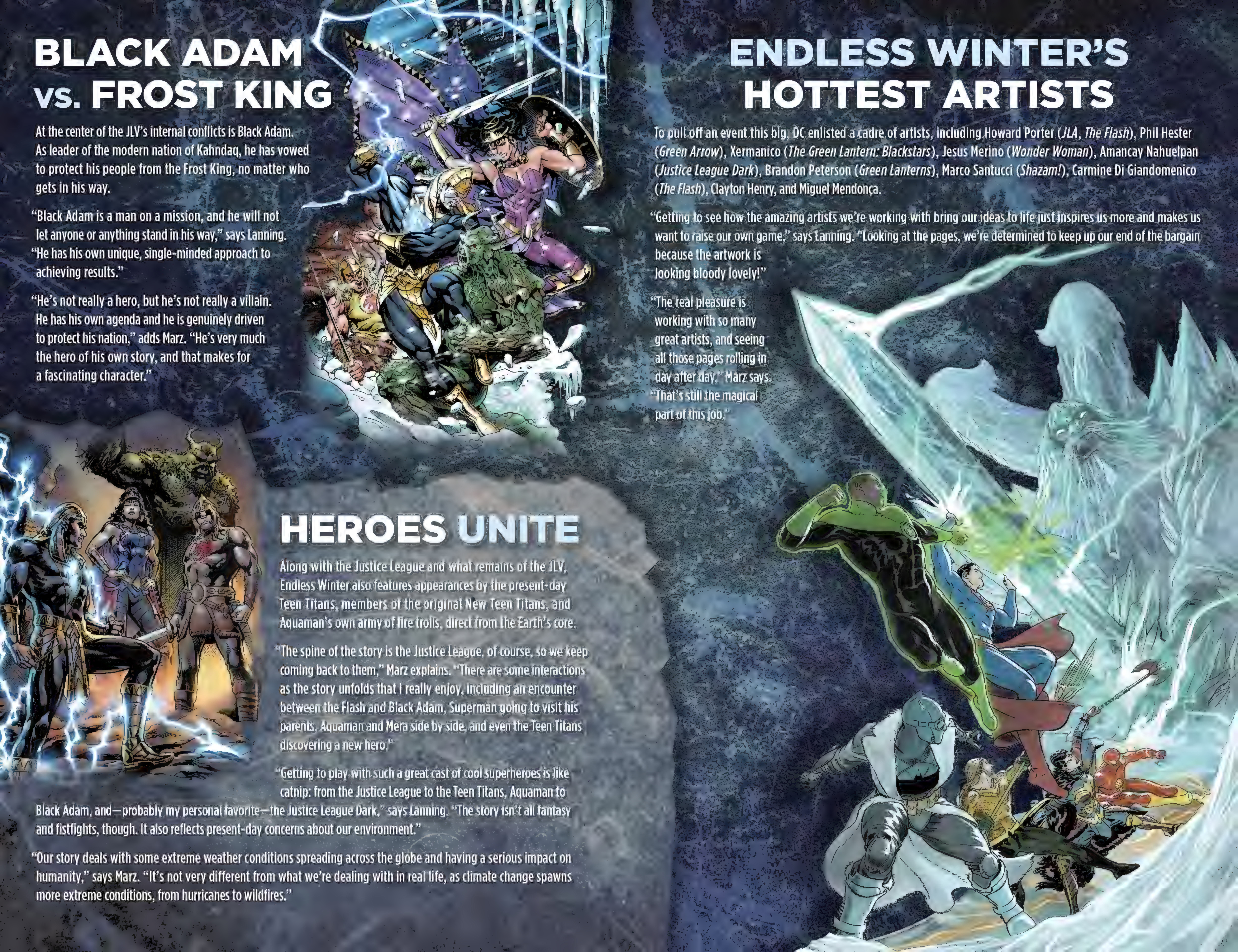
"Our story deals with some extreme weather conditions spreading across the globe and having a serious impact on humanity," says Marz. "It's not very different from what we're dealing with in real life, as climate change spawns more extreme conditions, from hurricanes to wildfires."

ENDLESS WINTER'S HOTTEST ARTISTS

To pull off an event this big, DC enlisted a cadre of artists, including Howard Porter (*JLA*, *The Flash*), Phil Hester (*Green Arrow*), Xermanico (*The Green Lantern: Blackstars*), Jesus Merino (*Wonder Woman*), Amancay Nahuelpan (*Justice League Dark*), Brandon Peterson (*Green Lanterns*), Marco Santucci (*Shazam!*), Carmine Di Giandomenico (*The Flash*), Clayton Henry, and Miguel Mendonça.

"Getting to see how the amazing artists we're working with bring our ideas to life just inspires us more and makes us want to raise our own game," says Lanning. "Looking at the pages, we're determined to keep up our end of the bargain because the artwork is looking bloody lovely!"

"The real pleasure is working with so many great artists, and seeing all those pages rolling in day after day," Marz says. "That's still the magical part of this job."



JUSTICE LEAGUE ENDLESS WINTER CHECKLIST



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| 1 | <i>JUSTICE LEAGUE: ENDLESS WINTER #1</i> | DEC 1 |
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| 4 | <i>AQUAMAN #66</i> | DEC 15 |
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| 6 | <i>TEEN TITANS: ENDLESS WINTER SPECIAL #1</i> | DEC 15 |
| 7 | <i>JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK #29</i> | DEC 22 |
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| 9 | <i>JUSTICE LEAGUE: ENDLESS WINTER #2</i> | DEC 29 |





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AND

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OF XEBEL**

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